

Proclamation



Oscar Schmidt

Whereas: At a crucial time in the history of the autoharp, Oscar Schmidt was responsible for keeping the instrument alive, and his determination in producing the autoharp caused a resurgence of the instrument, despite the Great Depression, and

Whereas: Without this foresight, the autoharp would have lost its place in American music, and,

Whereas: Because the instrument appropriately continued to carry his name by its later manufacturers, today that name, Oscar Schmidt, is synonymous with the autoharp,

Therefore, let it be resolved that Oscar Schmidt be inducted with highest commendations as the 2001 posthumous member of The Autoharp Hall of Fame.

So it is proclaimed on this, the Thirtieth Day of June in the year Two Thousand and One.